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**ABSTRACT**

5 A biodegradable anastomer fabricated with a biodegradable polymer. The polymeric composition includes a mixture or copolymer of lactic acid and polyglycolic acid. The polymeric composition is preferably at least 75% lactic acid by weight, and more preferably at least 85% lactic acid by weight. The polymeric composition may be used to formulate a biodegradable thermo-conforming film used for anastomosi.